

HONORING MACE MCINTOSH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mace McIntosh upon his retirement as the Sonora Chief of Police. Chief McIntosh will officially retire on December 30, 2008 and will be honored on January 3 at a retirement dinner.

Mr. McIntosh was born and raised in Tehama County, California to John and Donnalee McIntosh. He was raised on his family's cattle ranch. In 1978, he was hired by Red Bluff Police Department in Tehama County. He worked patrol, investigations and all traffic related issues. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1992 and promoted to Commander in 1995. He served as the interim Chief for the Red Bluff Police Department from September 2000 to October 2001. From there he served at the rank of Captain until his appointment as Chief of Police with the city of Sonora in June 2004.

The Sonora Police Department is a full-service, community policing organization that includes 25 sworn and non-sworn staff. They also have 5 reserve police officers, a 12 member senior volunteer program and 14 active explorers. Chief McIntosh has implemented a new program that has helped his team cover the city more efficiently. He developed the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving program; the city is divided into two "Areas of Responsibility" with a Patrol Sergeant for each of the two areas. The Sergeants are responsible for any problems that might occur within their Area of Responsibility.

Outside of the police department, Chief McIntosh has always been involved with the community. He has been a member of the Elks Club of Red Bluff for over 30 years. He also served on the Plum Valley School District Board for 12 years and the Tehama County Board of Education for 14 years; he served as Board President for each organization twice. He is the Past President of Tehama County Peace Officers Association and the Tehama County Police Activities League. He was also a member of the Tehama County Mentoring Committee.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Chief Mace McIntosh upon his retirement from the Sonora Police Department. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Chief McIntosh many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No.'s 7 and 10 I was absent from the House on official District business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CONGRATULATING JOE MADDON FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL AND FOR HIS SUPPORT IN HELPING RESTORE THE HAZLETON "CASTLE" AUDITORIUM

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joe Maddon, from Hazleton, Pennsylvania, the manager of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team and a leader of a citizen effort to restore the auditorium of the former Hazleton High School, now an elementary and middle school that has, for more than 80 years, been a landmark in the Hazleton area that is fondly referred to as "The Castle."

Born in Hazleton in 1954, Mr. Maddon graduated from "The Castle" where he was a star athlete before moving on to graduate from Lafayette College in 1976 where he played baseball and football.

Mr. Maddon then went on to distinguish himself in the world of professional baseball for more than three decades, first with the California/Anaheim Angels and, since 2006, with the Tampa Bay Rays, a team which he led to the 2008 World Series that was won by the Philadelphia Phillies.

After the 2008 season, Mr. Maddon was named the American League Manager of the Year.

During his remarkable career, Mr. Maddon has won accolades from Sports Illustrated, which described him as a "Renaissance man from down-to-earth roots." The New York Times described him as "one of baseball's more purely intelligent men in uniform." And the Boston Globe called Maddon "the genuine article . . . universally respected, intelligent, wordily, eloquent and well-read."

Mr. Maddon has been a leader in the Tampa Bay area in raising awareness to the plight faced by those who are homeless and has actively worked to feed and shelter the victims of homelessness.

Frequently praised as a man who has never forgotten his roots, Mr. Maddon has been committed to helping raise the funds necessary to renovate the auditorium of his former high school so that it can serve as a Community Arts Center.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Joe Maddon for his personal and charitable achievements and also for the positive attention he has brought to his hometown of Hazleton and all of northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Maddon's example is an inspiration for others to emulate especially our young people who can look to him as a true role model.

RECOGNIZING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST ATTACKS FROM GAZA

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I wish to express my strong support for House Resolu-

tion 34, recognizing Israel's universal and sovereign right to defend itself from acts of war and aggression, and reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel in our mutual fight against terrorism.

The cause of the present crisis is clear. Hamas, a terrorist organization committed to the destruction of Israel, has continually violated the territorial integrity of the State of Israel, a member of the United Nations, by launching thousands of rocket attacks from Gaza for the purpose of terrorizing and killing the citizens of Israel.

Hamas has received substantial support in its campaign of terror from other rogue nations, most notably Iran, which has provided Hamas with the material and expertise to conduct their rocket attacks.

In responding to these attacks, Israel is exercising its sovereign right to self defense, a legitimate right recognized by the international community.

Unfortunately, rather than lay the blame for this crisis where it belongs, with Hamas and its leadership, too many of our international allies have instead criticized Israel.

Blaming Israel for this present situation is akin to blaming the victim of a crime for the actions of a criminal. These criticisms of a sovereign state exercising its legitimate right to self defense will only embolden Hamas and terrorists everywhere.

House Resolution 34 recognizes that it is Hamas that is responsible for this present crisis and expresses our nation's solidarity with our friends and allies in Israel during their time of great danger. It is for this reason that I wish to express my strong support for House Resolution 34.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. JIMMY CHEEK**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, along with my friend Congressman ADAM PUTNAM, it is a great honor for me to rise today to recognize the retirement of Dr. Jimmy Cheek from the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, IFAS. Since 1975, Dr. Cheek has been instrumental in agricultural education at the University of Florida, where he was a mentor of mine.

Jimmy Cheek's career with the University of Florida began as an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, and now, over 30 years later, he is retiring as a senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources. Through the course of his career, he served in a number of positions, but all of them were dedicated toward instilling an understanding of the importance of agriculture in his students. Dr. Cheek also received numerous awards and recognition not only for his dedication to teaching but also his vast knowledge of agriculture.

His leadership in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, CALS, as well as IFAS, helped expand the programs offered and the student enrollment, making CALS the fourth-largest college at UF. Dr. Cheek took an outstanding program and improved upon it even further as he oversaw the addition of new programs and research opportunities, and he has